

Fire Protection Alliance
October 20, 2005 Minutes

Bob Parnell opened meeting at Spencer Station 75.

Attending:

Cory Orbison- South Salisbury
Rusty Alexander-Locke
Charles Morgan-Granite Quarry
David Morris- Salisbury
Tammy File- Salisbury
Michael Spry- Franklin
Terry Smith- Spencer

Scott Gardner- Faith
Charlie Beeker- Granite Quarry
Art Delaney- FMO
Bob Parnell- Salisbury
Currie Butler- Salisbury
Johnny Thomason- Franklin
Jay Baker- Spencer

Last month's (September 2005) minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Bob Parnell said that we need to decide how we want to utilize the Ben Mynatt donation for the Alliance departments. Approximately \$750.00 of the donation was used to research Hurricane relief in Mississippi but the Alliance department need to come up with how the remaining money needs to be used.

Charlie Beeker suggested that the Alliance put some of the money back for future use.

Michael Spry said it would be nice to use some of the money for a holiday banquet and for equipment that the Alliance departments need.

Rusty Alexander said there are just so many things that we can do with the donation.

Charlie Beeker suggested that we see what amount the donation is going to be before we make a decision on what to do with it.

Bob Parnell and everyone else agreed that we will bring this back up at the next meeting when we know the exact amount of the donation.

Bob Parnell thanked everyone for coverage during Station 50's groundbreaking on Tuesday, October 18th. He said a formal thank you is being sent out to the stations.

Charlie Beeker made the comment that we need to be prepared for the storm that is brewing out in the Gulf right now Hurricane Wilma because we sure don't want it to effect us like Hugo did 17 years ago.

Michael Spry asked the Alliance departments how they were coming with getting their "Touch-N-Track" systems in place. Several departments have their systems and a few are still in the processes of getting theirs. He said that every department really needs their own box. He would like to get this operational by January 1st. Michael is going to draft a policy up by the next Alliance meeting. A "Touch-N-Track" team was set up to assist with this. The team consists of:

Darrell Nichols- South Salisbury
Chris Gardner- Faith
Rusty Alexander-Locke
Charles Morgan-Granite Quarry
Terry Smith & Jay Baker- Spencer
Rodney Misenheimer-Salisbury
Art Delaney- FMO

A meeting for this committee was set up for November 7th at Salisbury Station 51 at 9:00 am.

Johnny Thomason said that he and Art Delaney are working on getting together a Resource Manual and that Art has 10-12 departments' hard copies and they are going to go over all these to make one manual for the Alliance departments.

Bob Parnell said that at Faith's recent structure fire that Scott Gardner did an excellent job.

Scott Gardner said that he felt he did well with the Faith fire except he thinks that accountability needs to be an area that is worked on with his department. It was agreed that accountability is something that all the departments need to work on not just Faith's department. It was decided that the Alliance needs to come up with an Accountability Policy.

David Morris explained that Salisbury Fire Department is changing radio call numbers. David said that the new numbers are going to go with the Station numbers better so that they are easier to recognize where they are coming from.

David said that he will keep everyone informed as to when these changes will take effect. Hazmat will be running out of Station 50 as well.

Johnny Thomason said that the Water Relay has been moved to the 1st part of November in Franklin, he will email out exact dates.

The WMD Drill in Spencer will be held at Spencer Shops on Saturday, November 5th, from 1 pm -5 pm.

David Morris said that Rookie school is progressing well and they are half of the way finished. The Alliance departments have a few rookies and that he has about 30-35 participants every night. He said he is stressing accountability, said that the Alliance departments need to lead by example.

David Morris also reported that Fire Officer School is going well also and that he is getting a lot of good ideas from this program.

David Morris said that Salisbury Fire has over 50 hazmat techs in the department.

Art Delaney said that County Foam Tanker 322 needs everything but foam and nozzles. The tanker is going to be staying at Liberty sta. 59.

Cory Orbison made a suggestion that the Alliance departments standardize the kind of plugs that they use. Cory will be heading up a program to standardize electrical equipment.

Round Table

Charlie Beeker of Granite Quarry said that his department is going to be getting three new firefighters. He also told about Daniel Michael who works for Coats Communications said he had been in a serious wreck and that he is going to be in the hospital a long time. Charlie wants everyone to please keep Daniel and his family in your prayers.

Jay Baker of Spencer said that they are getting the doors and roof fixed at Spencer Fire Department and hope to be operating on a back to normal basis soon.

Scott Gardner of Faith had nothing new to add.

Rusty Alexander of Locke said that Locke Station 62 is going to start working on an addition to their building starting October 31st. He also reported that they were approved for a third full time employee.

David Morris of Salisbury said that we did not receive the FEMA grant for the mobile fire burn building. He said that there is always next year to try and get it then. He said a live burn is scheduled for October 29th at 8:00 AM and would like everyone to meet between 7:00- 7:15 AM at the Sports Complex on Boundary street.

Michael Spry of Franklin wanted to know if the Training Mondays can be changed to the 3rd Monday of each month? They have other meetings that interfere with it being on the 4th Monday of each month. He also suggested that they do more of multi company drills during these training sessions.

Art Delaney said that the County is getting a new Asst. Fire Marshal, his name is Kevin Holshouser.

Rowan Communications didn't have anyone in attendance.

Cory Orbison of South Salisbury wanted to thank everyone who helped with the GDX fire.

Regarding Automatic alarms, Charlie Beeker made the motion that the "first-due" respond emergency traffic and all other units respond Routine Traffic. This was a modification due to the recent fuel supply shortage. The motion was seconded by Cory Orbison with all members voting AYE.

The next Alliance meeting is scheduled for November 17th at Station 57 in Granite Quarry at 3:00 pm.